

MINUTES OF MEETING OF BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS, MAY 2, 1944

The Board of Public Works met on May 2, 1944, in the office of the Governor, State House, Annapolis, Maryland.

There were present: Herbert R. O'Connor, Governor  
J. Millard Tawes, Comptroller.

Mr. Walter N. Kirkman, Director of the Department of Budget and Procurement, also attended the meeting.

The Minutes of the Meeting of March 16, 1944, copy of which was sent to each member of the Board, were approved.

BONUS:

The Secretary brought to the attention of the Board the resolutions, certificates, and letters which had been received from Baltimore City and the counties with respect to compliance by them with the provisions of Chapter 3, Special Session of the General Assembly-March 1944. The summary of such advices being as follows:

<u>Sub-divisions</u>	<u>Forms of advice received showing compliance</u>	<u>Months for which payments will be made by sub-divisions</u>
Baltimore City	Resolution	Not indicated
Allegany County	Resolution	May, June, Dec. 1944
Anne Arundel County	Certificate	Oct., Nov., Dec. 1944
Baltimore County	Resolution	May, June 1944, ?
Calvert County	Certificate	May, June 1944, ?
Caroline County	Resolution	Not indicated
Carroll County	Resolution	May, June 1944-June 1945
Cecil County	Resolution	May, June 1944 ?
Charles County	Resolution	May, June 1944 ?
Dorchester County	Resolution	May, June, Sept. 1944
Frederick County	Resolution	"During calendar year 1944" ?
Garrett County	Resolution	May, June, Sept. 1944
Harford County	Resolution	March, April, May 1945
Howard County	Resolution	Not indicated
Kent County	Letter	Not indicated
Montgomery County	Resolution	Sept., Oct., Nov. 1944
Prince George's County	Letter	Not indicated
Queen Anne's County	Letter	May, June, Sept. 1944
St. Mary's County	Resolution	May, June, Sept. 1944
Somerset County	Letter	Not indicated
Talbot County	Resolution	Not indicated
Washington County	Resolution	May, June 1944, June 1945
Wicomico County	Letter	Not indicated
Worcester County	Letter	Not indicated.

After due discussion of the matter it was agreed that Baltimore City and the counties had duly indicated their compliance with the provisions of Section 1 of Chapter 3 of the Special Session of the General Assembly-March 1944. It was noted, however, that the information from Baltimore City and certain of the counties was not complete as to the months in which the City and the counties would make payment of the additional compensation of \$20.00 per month and the months it was desired by the City and counties that the State should pay the additional compensation.

The Secretary was instructed to communicate with the City and the counties, requesting that they furnish the Board with the information necessary to complete the record by showing the months in which the City and the counties would make payment of the additional compensation.

CHELTHENHAM SCHOOL FOR BOYS:

The matter of insurance for the water tower at Cheltenham School for Boys, in connection with danger of approaching airplanes was deferred because of the fact that Mr. Miles, to whom this had been referred, was not in attendance at the meeting.

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The Secretary brought to the attention of the Board a communication dated March 31, 1944, from Mr. J. Milton Patterson, Director, State Department of Public Welfare, relative to the recommendation made by the State Board of Public Welfare and the Board of Managers of Cheltenham School for Boys that a new institution for Cheltenham be built.

The Secretary was requested to write the Maryland Commission on Post-War Reconstruction and Development and the State Board of Public Welfare, Mr. W. Wallace Lanahan, Chairman, and to Mr. Patterson, Director, State Department of Public Welfare, asking them to attend a meeting of the Board of Public Works for the purpose of discussing this matter.

COMPTROLLER OF THE TREASURY:

The Comptroller brought to the attention of the Board an audit received from the State Auditor covering his examination of the accounts and records of Levi D. Maus, Clerk of Circuit Court for Carroll County, for the period October 1, 1937 to September 30, 1941, showing a balance due of \$130.30. This unpaid balance was the result of improper distribution of fines received by the Clerk, and since receipt of the report in December 1942 the Comptroller's Office has effected collection of \$92.95 of that amount. The difference seems to be involved in fines which have been improperly distributed, some to the Bar Library of Carroll County, and since there seems to be a difference of opinion as to the proper distribution by the Clerk with the Bar Association insisting that they are entitled to the share of the fines received, the Comptroller recommended that no further effort be made to recover for the State the small difference involved.

The recommendation was approved.

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Refunds

Upon recommendation of the Comptroller, the Board approved the payment of the following refunds of money paid to the State in error, out of Miscellaneous Appropriation #2, Item #18.

Corporation Taxes - Tangible Personal Property		\$117.39
Postal Telegraph-Cable Co.	\$34.13	
Atlantic Coast Freight Lines, Inc.	46.08	
Silver Spring Inn, Inc.	1.00	
Hubert W. Wright, Inc.	5.35	
Silver Spring Inn, Inc.	.14	
Maryland Farm Bureau Wool Pool, Inc.	2.60	
Robinson's Women's Apparel, Inc.	3.51	
Turner Construction Co.	24.58	
Admissions Tax		133.15
Cappel Concert Bureau	133.15	
Inheritance Tax		375.00
Estate of Edward Jewell, deceased	375.00	
Recordation Tax		23.50
Farm Credit Administration of Baltimore	7.50	
Charles R. Scrivener Co., Inc.	16.00	
Title Tax		4.62
Horace Conrad Dubois	4.62	

The Board also approved the payment of the following refunds to cover erroneous payments of franchise tax to the State, from budget item #208-C of the budget of the State Tax Commission, totaling \$242.55

Falcon Rod and Gun Club, Inc.	\$10.05	
Queenstown Volunteer Fire Co., Inc.	10.09	
United Sons of the Morning Lodge #119 G.U.O.O.F.	10.08	
Cumberland Suburban Water Co.	21.10	
Young Men's Democratic Club of Prince George's County	10.04	
Baltimore Coin Club, Inc.	10.04	
Green Haven Building & Loan Assoc.	20.03	
Great Southern Temple #30, L.I.B.P.O.E. of W.	10.03	
Royal Hoffman Pleasure Club	10.03	
The E. M. Skinner, Jr., Co.	5.02	
Security Social Auxiliary, Inc.	10.06	
Rexton Athletic Club	10.05	
Milton Realty Corp., Inc.	5.32	
MacGillivray's Pharmacy, Inc.	5.02	
Charles Gladding, Inc.	5.03	
Fallon & Hellen, Inc.	15.15	
The Butler Artcraft Stone Corp.	5.02	
Alagia Realty Corp.	5.02	
The Baltimore Products, Inc.	10.10	
Perpetual Building Association of Woodstock, Howard County, Maryland	10.05	
Chesapeake Shoe Manufacturing Co.	10.05	
Lineboro Cemetery, Inc.	10.05	
C & M Hosiery Mills, Inc.	15.07	
Pleasant Valley Cemetery Assoc., Inc.	10.05	<u>\$242.55</u>
Total		\$896.21.

#### CONVENTIONS:

The Board approved the attendance of Mr. Walter N. Kirkman, Director, Department of Budget and Procurement, at the National Association of Purchasing Agents convention, to be held in New York City, May 29th to June 1st, 1944.

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The Board approved request of the Department of Health, recommended by Dr. R. H. Riley, Director, for the attendance of Mr. A. L. Sullivan, State Food and Drug Commissioners, at the meeting of the Association of Food and Drug Officials of the United States, April 10th to 13th, held in St. Louis. The individual approval of the members of the Board had been secured prior to the date of this meeting, in St. Louis.

Mr. Kirkman brought to the attention of the Board a request that Messrs. Purnell and Jung, lend-lease employees at the State Health Department, be permitted to attend an Industrial Hygiene Seminar, St. Louis, May 4th to 8th.

The request was denied.

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The Board formally approved request of Mr. W. Lee Elgin, Commissioner of Motor Vehicles, for authority to attend the Spring Meeting of the Eastern Conference of Motor Vehicle Administrators, held May 4th and 5th, in New York.

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Mr. Kirkman brought to the attention of the Board a communication from the Public Service Commission advising that the Commission would like to have a representative attend the meeting of State Commission Engineers, to be held in St. Louis, May 17th, 18th, and 19th, 1944.

After due consideration the request was denied.

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Mr. Kirkman brought to the attention of the Board a communication from the Maryland State Board of Examiners of Nurses relative to the attendance of a representative of that Board at a meeting to be held in Buffalo, New York, on June 1, 2, and 3, 1944.

The Board felt that the Nurses should be represented at the annual meeting of the Boards of Examiners of Nurses but that such representation should be limited to one meeting a year, and was agreeable to representation at this meeting if that is to be the 1944 meeting of the Association and it would not constitute two meetings during the year of the Association, or two meetings of different associations in one year.

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Mr. Kirkman brought to the attention of the Board a request from the State Department of Education for approval for the attendance of a representative of the department at the annual professional conference with members of State staffs.

Mr. Kirkman was under the impression that the date for the conference had already passed and he was authorized to make some inquiry to see whether that was a fact and if so, if someone representing the State Department of Education had attended the conference.

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The Secretary brought to the attention of the Board a request from the State Department of Public Welfare for authority for three persons to attend the Regional Conference of American Public Welfare Association, to be held around the 20th of June, probably in Boston, Massachusetts.

The Board approved this request.

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The Secretary read to the Board a letter received from Dr. H. C. Byrd, President, University of Maryland, dated March 31st, 1944, in which was listed the following annual conventions Dr. Byrd thought representation of the University of Maryland was necessary.

- Meeting of the Association of Land Grant Colleges and Universities.
- Meeting of the American Dental Association and Dental Colleges.
- Meeting of the American Chemical Society.
- Meeting of the American Pharmaceutical Association and Colleges of Pharmacy.
- Meeting of the American Medical Association and Colleges of Medicine.
- Meeting of the Association of Law Schools.
- Meeting of the American Association of Collegiate Schools of Business.

The Board approved the request that the University be authorized to be represented at the annual conventions of the organizations named above. However, the Board felt that authority should be obtained before attendance at certain other conventions where it might be decided, from time to time, for the University to be represented. The Board felt that the attendance at meetings of department heads and others, from time to time, if it were necessary in connection with the business of the University, as distinguished from annual conventions, would not be considered as requiring approval in advance from the Board of Public Works.

CROWNSVILLE STATE HOSPITAL:

The Board formally approved authority previously given, verbally, to the Crownsville State Hospital to enter into a contract with:

- 1- Brashears Bros. in the amount of \$5,131.00 for painting, this being the lowest bid received for the work;
- 2- The M. Solmson Fly Green Co. in the amount of \$1,284.00 for screen work;

as set forth in letter of the hospital dated March 23, 1944. Payment for this work is to be made from the balance to the credit of the hospital in the General Bond Issue of 1941.

DEPARTMENT OF BUDGET AND PROCUREMENT:

Mr. Kirkman brought to the attention of the Board a suggestion previously made relative to a uniform reporting year for certain state agencies which are not operating on the basis of the State's fiscal year which begins July 1st and ends June 30th.

It was decided not to take any action in the matter at this time.

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Mr. Kirkman brought to the attention of the Board the matter of adopting a standard form of letter-head for the various state departments, suggesting that some money could be saved through the use of such a letter-head and eliminating, in some instances, the names of personnel which appear on State stationery. Mr. Kirkman submitted a sketch of a suggested letter-head.

The Board thought favorably of the idea and requested Mr. Kirkman to get more detailed information and submit same at a later meeting.

#### DEPARTMENT OF TIDEWATER FISHERIES:

The Secretary brought to the attention of the Board a communication dated April 18, 1944, addressed to Mr. Edwin Warfield, Jr., Chairman, Department of Tidewater Fisheries, by the Office of the Division Engineer, War Department, Middle Atlantic Division, being File 827 (Pocomoke River, Md.) MADRE-3, relative to the maintenance dredging necessary in connection with the existing Pocomoke River Project, Maryland, authorized by the United States River and Harbor Act approved 3 July, 1930.

After due consideration, the Board authorized the Secretary to execute on behalf of the Board of Public Works the form of release submitted by the War Department, reading as follows.

"Know All Men By These Presents, That the State of Maryland, Department of Board of Public Works, whose address is Annapolis, Maryland, does hereby release and forever discharge the United States, its agents, employees, contractors and assigns from any and all manner of actions, and damages, whatsoever, whether in law or in equity which against the United States, its agents, employees, contractors and assigns it ever had, now has, hereafter can, shall or may have or which assigns hereafter can, shall or may have for or by reason of any damage to its oysters, oyster bed or beds in Pocomoke Sound and Pocomoke River, Maryland, that may be caused from the direct or indirect deposit of material dredged for the present and subsequent maintenance of a channel in Pocomoke Sound and Pocomoke River, Maryland.

"In Witness Whereof, the State of Maryland, Department of Board of Public Works, has caused this Release to be properly executed and seal attached by its duly authorized representative, this \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_, 1944."

#### EASTERN SHORE STATE HOSPITAL:

The Board approved recommendation made by Mr. Kirkman that the Eastern Shore State Hospital be authorized to use \$978.00 from the allotment available to that institution in the General Bond Issue of 1941, for improvements to the refrigeration system at the hospital, this amount being in addition to the amounts previously approved totaling \$11,200.00.

#### GENERAL EMERGENCY FUND:

Mr. Kirkman called attention to the fact that the State Department of Health has been issuing an unusual number of certificates relating to births, etc., occasioned by the war emergency, and requested that the additional expense which is being incurred in connection with this work be appropriated from the General Emergency Fund. Any allotment from the Fund to take care of this expense would be off-set by the fees collected by the department for the issuance of certificates.

The Board approved Mr. Kirkman's request that the necessary funds to take care of the expenses for the issuance of these certificates be made available to the department from the General Emergency Fund.

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Mr. Kirkman suggested that consideration would have to be given to an allotment to the University of Maryland from the General Emergency Fund to supplement the 1945 budget to continue the 1944 set-up. This matter was deferred until the next meeting of the Board.

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The Board approved the recommendation of Mr. Kirkman that the sum of \$7,660.00 be approved as the allotment to Morgan State College to supplement its budget for the current fiscal period from the General Emergency Fund rather than the amount of \$31,181.00 requested by the school at a previous meeting.

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Mr. Kirkman reported to the Board that a study of the needs of Rosewood State Training School for a supplement to the budget of that institution for the current fiscal year, made in accordance with the instructions of the Board, shows that \$26,500, from the General Emergency Fund, and \$6,710, from the Standard Salary Pool, will be sufficient.

The Board approved the transfer of the amounts mentioned, upon recommendation of Mr. Kirkman.

Also, see end of these Minutes.

#### LEASES:

Mr. Kirkman brought to the attention of the Board the necessity of finding office space elsewhere than in the quarters at present occupied by the Maryland Council of Defense and the Maryland Commission on Post-War Reconstruction and Development, because of the fact that the space heretofore used by those agencies of the State has been requisitioned by the War Department. Mr. Kirkman expects to find space in either the O'Sullivan Building or the Standard Oil Building, and will report definitely to the Board at the next meeting.

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Upon recommendation of Mr. Kirkman, the Board approved the execution of the following leases.

Board of Correction - Calvert Building and Construction Company, for rooms 361-369 Calvert Building, Baltimore, for a term of one year from January 1st, 1944, at an annual rental of \$1,740.00.

State Department of Health - Don W. Morrow, for main room and an entrance hall in the basement of 2315 N. Charles Street, Baltimore, for use as a photostat room, office, and storage space, for a term of twelve months less 5 days from May 5, 1944, at an annual rental of \$600.00 plus cost of electricity used in excess of the cost of \$30.00 per quarter year.

- Anthony H. Purnell, new block and brick building facing West Street, between Broad Street & Baker Street, Berlin, Maryland, to be used as a Public Health Clinic, for a term of eight years from the date of occupancy not more than 30 days after completion of entire building, at an annual rental of \$600.00, payable by the towns of Berlin and Ocean City and the County Commissioners.

- Dewalt J. Willard, East side of ground floor of building known as Willard's Tavern, Poolesville, and now known as the Poolesville Health Center, for a term of five years from April 1, 1944, at an annual rental of \$480.00, payable one-half by the State Department of Health and one-half by the Board of County Commissioners for Montgomery County.

State Roads Commission - The Professional Building, Inc., Rooms 6 - 10 on the main floor of the Professional Building, for a term of one year from April 1st, 1944, at an annual rental of \$1200.00.

Unemployment Compensation Board - John E. Hurst & Co., Inc., I. Manning Parsons and Margaret B. Parsons, his wife, and the Baltimore and Carroll Realty Company, second floor of 39-41-43-45 Hopkins Place, Baltimore, and the third floor of 116 and 118 Lombard Street, Baltimore, from March 1, 1944 to December 31, 1946, at an annual rental of \$6,800.00. Special form of lease.

MARYLAND COMMISSION ON POST-WAR RECONSTRUCTION AND DEVELOPMENT:

The Board took up the question of payment of compensation to architects for services rendered by them in connection with the preparation of plans and specifications for projects for which they were selected as architects, in connection with the post-war reconstruction and development program. Mr. Kirkman and the Secretary reviewed discussions they had recently had with several architects who had received assignments in connection with the post-war projects. It was stated that most of the architects selected had discussed the matter informally among themselves, with a view to advising the State of the procedure they thought should be followed in the matter of payment of architect's fees. The architects suggested that of the gross fee of 6% to which architects are entitled for the work of preparing plans and specifications and supervising the construction to completion, the architects should receive 20% of the gross fee, or 1.2% upon approval of the preliminary sketches and plans by the institution or agency for which the projects are to be constructed, and that a further payment of 1.8% should be payable upon approval of the completed plans and specifications by the institution or agency for which the projects are to be constructed, making the total payment to the architects for services rendered up to that point one-half of the gross fee, or 3%, the balance of 3% to be payable beginning with the construction of the project and during the progress of the work up to the time of completion, on the basis of payments made to the contractor.

The Board particularly stated that the amount to be received by the architect would be on the basis of 6% of the actual cost of the project on the basis of contracts awarded and that any payments made to architects in connection with the preparation of plans and specifications, both at the time of completion of the preliminary plans and at the time of the completion of the final plans and specifications, were not to be considered as establishing the total amount to be received by the architect but was to represent payment on account of the fee to be earned by the architect on the basis of 6% of the total cost of the project to the State when completed, on the basis of contracts awarded.

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The Secretary advised the Board of receipt of a letter from the architectural firm of Buckler and Fenhagen confirming the withdrawal of that firm as architects for the Chronic Disease Hospital to be erected on the Western Shore, the firm stating that it is their understanding, in accordance with a conversation Mr. Riggins Buckler had with Mr. Kirkman and the Secretary, that the firm of Buckler & Fenhagen is to be appointed architect for the 300 bed unit to be erected at Mt. Wilson. The Board confirmed this understanding.

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The Secretary brought to the attention of the Board a bill which had been submitted to the Comptroller's Office for payment, from Howard C. Sutton, Surveyor, dated March 18th, 1944, in the amount of \$75.00, covering his services in connection with Topographic Survey, West side of Campus North of Calvert (No. 8 Cottage), which bill bears the approval of the Maryland Training School for Boys and Palmer & Lambdin, architects.

The Board approved payment of the bill, authorizing it to be charged to the allotment to Maryland Training School for Boys in the construction program approved for the institution in the report of the Maryland Commission on Post-War Reconstruction and Development.

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Mr. Kirkman requested the Board to select an architect to take care of the work of remodeling the State Tobacco Warehouse to provide space in it for the Department of Budget and Procurement. Mr. Kirkman stated that the cost of the work would be approximately \$50,000 and that it would be a part of the Post-War Construction Program.

The Board authorized the selection of Mr. Cyril H. Hebrank, architect, Baltimore, to take care of the architectural services necessary in connection with the work.

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Mr. Kirkman submitted to the Board information relative to a parcel of land in Wicomico County, Maryland, near Salisbury, known as "Deer Head Park", with blue prints, etc., as a site for the Chronic Disease Hospital to be erected on the Eastern Shore. Mr. Kirkman stated that the Committee appointed for the selection of a site was in accord as to this particular site and recommended its approval by the Board of Public Works. The property is being held at \$40,000, consists of 55 acres, and is owned by Miss Mary Virginia Weisner; and, the State was given an option on the property until July 15, 1944.

After discussion of all of the factors entering into the selection of a site for the hospital, it was decided to accept the option and to give further consideration to the selection of a site after Mr. Kirkman had an opportunity to go over the matter with Mr. Miles, who was unable to be at today's meeting.

#### MARYLAND TRAINING SCHOOL FOR BOYS:

The Secretary brought to the attention of the Board a communication from Col. James A. Pratt, Superintendent, Maryland Training School for Boys, showing bids received for work in connection with alterations at the school in order to provide a temporary minimum security unit. In accordance with the recommendation of Col. Pratt, the Board approved the awarding of contracts to -

L. R. & G. C. Andrew, Riderwood, Maryland, in the amount of \$12,300.00 covering building alterations;  
Cyclone Fence Company, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, in the amount of \$808.00, covering the enclosing fence,

in connection with providing the security unit.

#### MISCELLANEOUS:

The Secretary brought to the attention of the Board a communication from Col. Wm. B. Tilghman, President of the Wicomico County Historical Society, being a Resolution calling on the Board of Public Works to preserve the foundation of the Memorial Cross, erected in 1934 in honor of the arrival of the first Maryland settlers, on St. Clements, now known as Blakiston Island.

Mr. Kirkman stated that he had some information relative to this matter and at his request the letter from Col. Tilghman was referred to him for investigation and further report to the Board.

#### STATE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION:

The Secretary brought to the attention of the Board a communication from Dr. Thoma G. Pullen, Superintendent, State Department of Education, with which letter was one from Dr. J. D. Blackwell, President, Salisbury State Teachers' College, recommending the purchase of a lot of ground in Salisbury, Maryland, on Camden Avenue, 100 feet x 250 feet, adjoining the Salisbury State Teachers' College, the lot to be used as a site for the residence of the president of the college at some future date. It was recommended that the lot be purchased at this time because of the fact that the owner is desirous of selling it and Dr. Pullen and Dr. Blackwell, both, thought it desirable for the State to buy it rather than to let it be sold to someone else who might improve it with a building which might not be very desirable from the standpoint of the college; further, that since it is thought that the State will provide a residence for the president of the college at some future date, it would be well to acquire the site at this time.

Under the circumstances, the Board approved the recommendation of Dr. Pullen and Dr. Blackwell that the land be acquired at this time at a cost of \$1,800.00 to the State. Dr. Pullen stated that it would be possible to make the money for this purchase available out of the budget of the Salisbury State Teachers' College by budget amendment, which suggestion was also approved.



STATE EMPLOYEES:Overtime

The Secretary brought to the attention of the Board a communication from Mr. Walter D. Owens, State Employment Commissioner, relative to the matter of payment of overtime to State employees, particularly where the employees have not been able to take their vacations and where employees whose work requires them to be on the job on Sundays and it is not possible to give them some other day of the week to compensate for the work done on Sunday.

The Board felt that in cases of employees whose duties require them to work on Sunday, these employees should be allowed a day's leave on some other day of the week but that where circumstances would not permit it, to compensate them for the work done on Sunday on the basis of the regular rate of pay; and, in other cases, where employees have to work overtime, to compensate them for the overtime worked at the rate of pay received by them for the duties regularly performed by them, where the overtime work is necessary to complete the work of the department where under ordinary circumstances temporary employees would be hired for the rush season and such temporary employees are not available. The Board was reminded that this procedure had been necessary in the case of the office of the Department of Motor Vehicles, the State Roads Commission, and that it would be necessary in the case of the State Comptroller's Office in connection with the handling of the large volume of income tax mail received during the current filing season. It was stated that the Comptroller has approximately 150,000 returns to clear and that this work could be handled by the end of May through having approximately forty (40) employees work overtime each day, for three hours each, whereas without this extra work being performed it would probably be the end of June or middle of July before all returns could be cleared. The Comptroller stated that he felt it very important that the money received from the taxpayers be gotten in bank as quickly as possible and this could be accomplished at the earliest possible date only by doing extra work with the regular employees.

Sick Leave

The Secretary brought to the attention of the Board a request from the State Auditor for a further extension of sick leave in the case of Thomas A. Sweeney, Senior Assistant State Auditor, for a period of three months from April 2, 1944.

The request was approved.

The Secretary brought to the attention of the Board a request from the State Department of Health for a further extension of sick leave in the case of Fred W. Caspari, Assistant Sanitary Engineer of that department, for a period of three months from April 25, 1944.

The request was approved.

Leave of Absence

The Secretary brought to the attention of the Board a communication received from Mr. Russell C. Turner, Sr., Chief Inspector, State Tobacco Warehouse, requesting authority to pay Mr. P. Augustine Wheatley, Principal Clerk, salary for twenty (20) days accumulated vacation leave due him as of December 31, 1943, in the amount of \$1111.00, because of the fact that it was impossible for Mr. Wheatley to be allowed to take this time.

The Board approved the request.

STATE EMPLOYMENT COMMISSIONER:

The Secretary brought to the attention of the Board a check in the amount of \$700.00 which was received from the State Employment Commissioner by the Comptroller's Office as a receipt from the sale of the 1939 Buick Roadmaster Sedan which had been used by the State Employment Commissioner in connection with the official duties of his office. Mr. Kirkman reported that he had found a purchaser for the automobile at a price of \$700.00, which was \$300.00 in excess of the offer of \$400.00 received from the Smith Motor Company, the concern which purchased the used automobiles of the

Department of Maryland State Police.

The Board approved the sale of the automobile for the sum of \$700.00 and authorized the crediting of that amount to budget item #506 of the budget of the State Employment Commissioner, to be used in connection with the purchase of a new automobile, which will be one of the automobiles obtained by the State Police Department from the United States Treasury Department, Procurement Division.

STATE PROPERTY:

The Secretary brought to the attention of the Board a communication addressed to the Governor by Col. Henry S. Barrett, in which Col. Barrett stated that he was desirous of purchasing the car which is the property of the State Roads Commission but which has been used by Col. Barrett in connection with his work as Commander of the U. S. Citizens Defense Corps.

The Board felt a delicacy about allowing any employe of the State to purchase state property and felt that it should not entertain an offer for the purchase of the automobile in question.

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Upon recommendation of Mr. Kirkman, the Board approved the sale of the boat "Murray" for the sum of \$1,500.00 and the tender belonging to that boat for the sum of \$20.00, these boats having outlived their usefulness to the Department of Tidewater Fisheries. The money from the sale of these boats is to be credited to the budget of the Department of Tidewater Fisheries, to be used for the purchase of other boats to take their places.

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Mr. Kirkman advised of the disposal of a hay loader owned by Springfield State Hospital to Mr. DeVries Hering of Sykesville for the sum of \$90.00.

The Board approved the action of Mr. Kirkman in disposing of this equipment.

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Upon recommendation of Mr. Kirkman, the Board approved the following condemnation reports of the State Roads Commission covering property owned by that agency.

#3694	#3185	#3607	
#3171	#3221	# 3695	#3854.
#3172	#3222	#3853	

The Board also approved the cancellation of Condemnation Report #3179, approved by the Board at its meeting of June 30th, 1943.

STATE ROADS COMMISSION:

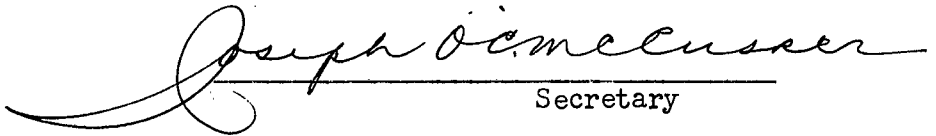
The Secretary brought to the attention of the Board several letters received from Mr. L. H. Steuart, Secretary, State Roads Commission, requesting execution by the Board of Public Works of certain deeds covering property no longer needed by that Commission.

The Board approved the execution of these papers and affixed their signatures to the following items:

- 1- Grant and Agreement executed by the State Roads Commission, The Title Holding Company, and Oakgrove Apartment Corporation, which is intended to temporarily modify the covenant in a right of way agreement under which the Commission acquired title to certain land at the location described in this instrument, needed in construction of the existing Philadelphia Road.

- 2- Deed to Seaside, Incorporated, Ocean City, Maryland, conveying two certain parcels of land for which that company bid \$1,505.00.
- 3- Deed executed by the State Roads Commission quit claiming unto the Philadelphia, Baltimore and Washington Railroad Company, a certain parcel of land located near Swan Creek, in the Second Election District of Harford County, this particular land being needed by the Company in connection with the reconstruction of bridge over the tracks of the said Company at Swan Creek, said bridge carrying a State highway over the right of way and tracks of the said Railroad Company.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

  
Secretary

GENERAL EMERGENCY FUND:

Upon recommendation of Mr. Kirkman, the Board approved the transfer of \$18,610.00 from the General Emergency Fund to Rosewood State Training School to supplement the budget of that institution for the current fiscal year in connection with the bonus and overtime payments, and other operating expenses.